

FAMOUS PLAYERS-LASKY CORPORATION

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✓ "THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN" ✓

#### THE CAST

Joe Loudon.....Thomas Meighan  
Ariel Tabor.....Doris Kenyon  
Mamie Pike.....Diana Allen  
Mrs. Loudon.....Ann Egleston  
Claudine.....Alice Fleming  
Eskew Arp.....Charles Abbe  
Jonas Tabor.....Malcolm Bradley  
Happy.....Paul Everton  
Nash.....Macy Harlam  
L. Flintcroft.....Henry Hallam  
Peter Bradbury.....Charles Hartley  
Mamie Pike.....Louis Hendricks  
Robert Flintcroft.....Jed Prouty  
Joe Loudon.....Cyril Ring  
Mire Buckelew.....J. D. Walsh  
Mamie Sheenan.....Riley Hatch

#### THE STORY

In the town of Canaan you were "in" or you were "out". If you were in, you went into Judge Martin Pike's affairs and if you were not in----you didn't. Then you'd probably go to Beaver Beach, which is a hot-bed of politics and scandals. Joe Loudon is among those not respectable. His defiance of the conventions and his knowledge of the corrupt political leaders stamp him as an outcast. Ariel Tabor, who lives with her father and is known as the town's tom-boy, shares the same fate as Joe. Her awkward attempts to dance and her unpopularity at the Judge's sociables make her the laughing stock of the town.

Mamie, the Judge's daughter, would have liked to play with Ariel and Joe, but the laws of convention forbade it. Gene Loudon, who is

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ashamed of being Joe's half-brother, is eager to marry Mamie.

With the death of her uncle, Ariel's fortune turns. It means Paris and clothes and education. Her departure is felt most by Joe. Her last words to him, "to make good in spite of them," stick in his mind. He goes to the next town and studies law when he isn't working in a restaurant.

So for a few years, Canaan lost trace of the two. In Paris, Ariel loses her father and at the invitation of Judge Pike, who has charge of her money, she returns. Joe finishing his course and being a full fledged lawyer decides to open an office in Canaan and protect his friends at Beaver Beach, who are usually in the clutches of the law because of their lack of legal advice.

There is a great difference between the return of Joe and that of Ariel. Joe stands on the edge of the crowd watching the reception of his playmate. Her appearance in her Parisian gowns makes Joe hesitate to approach her. Ariel's disappointment is great until she sees Joe. Going to him, she presses the flowers she carries in his hand.

At Beaver Beach, Happy Farley, driven to desperation by the flirtations of his wife, kills Nashville Cory. Farley appeals to Joe. The case seems almost beyond saving. Joe's main witness is the manager of Beaver Beach. His testimony is objected to because no such man should be allowed in court. Incensed at this, the witness shouts that the owner of the Beach is Judge Martin Pike, himself!

The Judge realizes that he is beaten and pleads guilty. As the mob make for him, the Judge is protected by Joe. Knowing that he is in Joe's power, the Judge addresses the crowd:—"Boys, I'm licked, and it took the biggest man in Canaan to do it. If you know what is good for you, make Joe Loudon your next mayor."

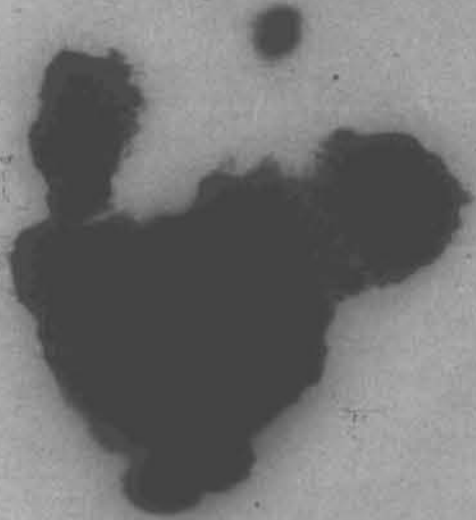
At this suggestion the leaders of respectability turn to Joe. But he

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has sought the side of Ariel. Together they stand and watch the crowd  
proclaim Joe Loudon the next Mayor of Canaan.

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